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MS, Be and gobeProductive

Hi!

I thought this might be of interest. Many people have been hurt by Microsoft in an unfair and illegal way, and many of them look up to you for some kind of closure. I really hope you can provide it.

Here's a link to a first preview of gobeProductive 3, an office suite that debuted on the BeOS and is making an entrance on the Windows platform. http://www.osnews.com/story.php?news_id=265

As an ex-employee of Be Inc. (RIP), I know Gobe as a small company that has come to excel both technically and in its ability to gain its customers' respect and loyalty. It would be a shame to see them getting brutally slaughtered by the usually unfair practices of the Redmond giant.

The entrance of their new product on the Windows platform might also be a good time to quietly monitor how Microsoft reacts to new competition with one of its core businesses and if its practices have changed since the beginning of the antitrust trial.

Regards,

Nir Gilboa.

PS: I forgot to mention that in my opinion you have missed perhaps the biggest offense by Microsoft-threatening OEMs to revoke their licenses if they decide to include an OS other than Windows on their products. But I'm sure JLG already pointed that out. Farewell to him and his great company.

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